

REMARKS

According to the most recent Office Action, dated July 8, 2005, claims 1-119 and 125-232 are pending in the application. Claims 11, 12, 19-24, 34, 35, 38-77, 89, 94-105, 108, 111-116, 135, 136, 143-148, 158, 159, 162-201, 213, and 218-229 have been objected to and indicated as allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants have rewritten the allowable claims in the following manner:

- Claim 11 incorporates the limitations from claims 1, 2, and 10
- Claim 19 incorporates the limitations from claims 1 and 2
- Claim 20 incorporates the limitations from claims 1, 2, and 10
- Claim 34 incorporates the limitations from claims 1 and 32
- Claim 89 incorporates the limitations from claims 1 and 32
- Claim 94 incorporates the limitations from claims 1 and 32
- Claim 100 incorporates the limitations from claims 1 and 32
- Claim 108 incorporates the limitations from claim 106
- Claim 111 incorporates the limitations from claim 106
- Claim 135 incorporates the limitations from claims 125, 126, and 134
- Claim 143 incorporates the limitations from claims 125 and 126
- Claim 144 incorporates the limitations from claims 125, 126, and 134
- Claim 158 incorporates the limitations from claims 125 and 156
- Claim 213 incorporates the limitations from claims 125 and 156
- Claim 218 incorporates the limitations from claims 125 and 156
- Claim 224 incorporates the limitations from claims 125 and 156

The remaining allowable claims depend either directly or indirectly from the rewritten claims listed above.

Applicants have also amended claims 89, 100, 213, and 224 by deleting a colon (“ : ”) in the claims limitations so that only one colon appears, namely, after the word “comprising”. Applicants used the double brackets to make this amendment, i.e., [[:]]. Furthermore, the Applicants amended the dependency of claim 184 from claim 60 to claim 158.

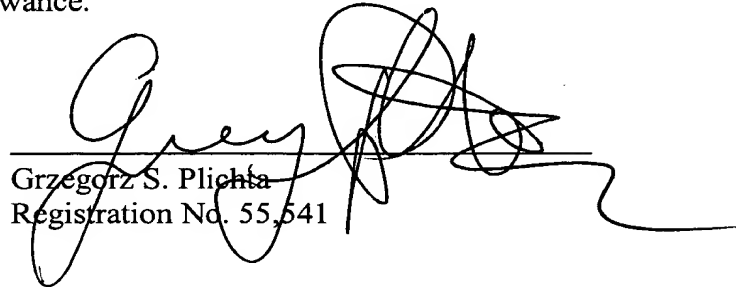
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Claims 1-10, 13-18, 25-33, 36, 37, 78-88, 90-93, 106, 107, 109, 110, 117-119, 125-134, 137-142, 149-157, 160, 161, 202-212, 214-217, and 230-232 stand rejected. Applicants cancel the rejected claims without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue these claims in a divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

Applicants wish to express gratitude for the Examiner's hard work and diligence in bringing the objected to claims in condition for allowance.

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